

1FHS CHOIR MARKING PERIOD 2 MEETING MINUTES
FHSVMPPO
January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Gerry Roche.

Minutes of the prior meeting were accepted and approved by Mrs. Scherer and seconded by Mrs. Jean Stives.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Tom McGorry. Activity account balances were made available by student number and parents were reminded that they can feel free to contact Mr. McGorry by email at any time with any questions on their student's account. It was stated that regular updates cannot be given due to privacy issues. Again, please contact Mr. McGorry with any questions.

The treasurer's report was accepted by Mrs. Kessler and seconded by Mrs. Davidson.

The president's report was given by President Gerry Roche. She reviewed all fundraising opportunities. The Barnes and Noble fundraiser was a huge success and plans are under way to have this fundraiser again next year. Thank you to all who came out. A big thank you to Mrs. Volpato for her time and for all of the students who participated.

The spring bulb fundraiser is now under way and all orders are due by Feb. 4th. No orders will be accepted after this date. 50% of this fundraiser goes into your child's account.

Giant gift cards were reviewed. \$5.00 for every \$100.00 gift card goes into your child's account. Remember that this is free money. You pay for the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card while still putting money into your child's account. The card will not be given to any student to sell. They can be purchased from either Mrs. Duchesneau or from Mrs. Roche.

Candy sales will begin soon. In order to earn a 50% profit, 50 cases need to be purchased at a time. The first purchase of 50 cases will be on January 19th, then again in February, March and the last purchase will be on April 19th. The cost is \$30.00 per box and the initial payment of \$30.00 must be paid in order to begin selling the candy. Candy may not be sold in any classroom but may be sold in the hallways. It was recommended that the candy be sold outside of school to avoid any conflicts.

The choir director's report was given by Mrs. Volpato. She was very pleased with the winter concert performance. She stated that she is working with a young choir and that they did an outstanding job and are continuing to improve. The Coffee House concert will take place on January 16th (snowdate January 20th). This is entirely student run with the students providing baked goods, selling tickets, setting up, cleaning up, and working the counters. The FHSVMPPO board members will be there to supervise and help out wherever needed.

PDE and assessments were reviewed. Mrs. Volpato has had many meetings regarding the Pennsylvania standards for PDE and assessments. A student's assessment will not just be based on participation but on participation and the musical skills of the student. More information on this will be provided at the March meeting. There will be no grade assessment for parent attendance at the meetings. It is hoped that the parents will continue to come to the meetings as this is where information is disseminated and questions can be answered. Any parent who sees a need that will help the organization is invited to bring their suggestion and volunteer.

Mrs. Volpato gave updates on the upcoming trip to Six Flags. Unfortunately, there are only 31 students who signed up for the trip. This is not enough to fill a 42 person bus. Mrs. Volpato has been working with J&J Transportation to try to get a smaller bus but this apparently is not possible. The trip will be too expensive without filling the bus so unless more students sign up for the trip, it will have to be cancelled and monies returned to the students who have made their payments. No checks have been cashed at this point and Mrs. Volpato is not accepting anymore payments until she is sure that the trip is still happening.

Sizing for the gowns will begin in January and gowns will be ordered in February. If the student does not have the formal attire required for the spring concert, he or she will not be permitted to perform in the concert. There are currently 5 used gowns that can be purchased for \$55.00 apiece. The gowns are \$70.00 to purchase new. The gown reduces in value by 15.00 for each year that it is owned. If the student purchases a new gown as a senior and the gown is returned at the end of the year, the choir will buy back the gown minus \$15.00.

Student recognitions:

Shannon McGorry for her work on purchasing toys for the children who were hospitalized at Lehigh Valley Hospital over Christmas.

Jalon Mathis for making it into District Chorus. All students who auditioned were commended for their effort as were students who participated in County Chorus. The opportunity to audition for the district chorus is open to any student. The piece for the audition is being learned for the spring concert and the auditions are held in October at Parkland High School. County chorus concert will be held at Muhlenberg High School on 1/24/15 and at Easton High School on 1/30/15.

The next parent meeting will be held on April 9th at 6:30 pm. Final payments for the Six Flags trip will be due at that time.

The meeting was brought to a close at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barb McGorry,
Secretary FHSVMP